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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

New Isoquinolines and process for preparing them

We, CIBA LIMITED, a company organised according to the laws of Switzerland, of Basle, Switzerland, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:—

The present invention provides as new compounds $4-R_4-1-R_1-3-R_3$ -isoquinoline compounds in which R_1 represents a halogen atom or an amino group, R_3 an aminomethyl group, and R_4 a lower alkyl radical, and a process for preparing same.

In the new compounds the carbocycle of isoquinoline is unsubstituted or substituted by halogen such a fluorine, chlorine or bromine, trifluoromethyl, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, nitro and/or amino groups. In the above and hereinafter the term lower in connection with an aliphatic radical defines these radicals as having at most 5 carbon atoms.

The amino groups in position 1 and at the methyl group in position 3 are preferably substituted, more especially disubstituted, and they may be different from one another. Suitable substituents are, for example: lower monovalent aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals which may be interrupted by hetero atoms (such as oxygen or nitrogen) and/or substituted by halogen atoms or free hydroxyl groups or by amino groups (which may be free or substituted as indicated above) and which may be linked once more by a lower alkylene group with the amino groups which may substitute them; bivalent aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals which may be interrupted by hetero atoms such as oxygen or nitrogen; cycloaliphatic or cycloaliphatic - aliphatic hydrocarbon radicals which may be substituted

by alkyl groups; or araliphatic or aryl radicals of which the aromatic radicals may be substituted, for example as indicated above. Specifically, there may be mentioned lower alkyls such as methyl or ethyl; linear or branched propyl, butyl, pentyl or hexyl radicals linked in any desired position; lower alkenyls such as allyl or methallyl; lower hydroxalkyl groups such as β -hydroxyethyl; lower halogenalkyls such as β -halogenethyl radicals; lower aminoalkyl radicals such as β -aminoethyl or γ -aminopropyl radicals in which the amino group may be substituted as indicated above; lower oxaalkyl radicals such as methoxy- or ethoxy-ethyl or -propyl radicals; lower alkylene radicals, above all those whose chain contains 4 to 7 carbon atoms, such as butylene-(1:4), pentylene-(1:5), pentylene-(2:5), hexylene-1:6), hexylene-(2:6) or hexylene-(2:5), heptylene-(1:7), heptylene-(2:7) or heptylene-(2:6); lower oxaalkylene or azaalkylene radicals containing 4 to 7 carbon atoms, such as 3-oxapentylene-(1:5), 3-azapentylene-(1:5), 4-azahexylene-(2:6), 3-azaheptylene-(1:7), 4-azaheptylene-(2:6) or the corresponding azaalkylene groups which are substituted at the aza-nitrogen by lower alkyls such as methyl or ethyl, or by hydroxalkyls such as β -hydroxy-ethyl or γ -hydroxypropyl radicals; cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl or cycloalkenyl-alkyl radicals such as cyclopentyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexyl, cyclohexenyl radicals or methyl or ethyl groups substituted by such radicals; phenyl-lower alkyl radicals which may be substituted in the aromatic radical, for example as indicated above, more especially by halogen, lower alkyls or lower alkoxy radicals, above all phenylmethyl or 1- or

2-phenylethyl groups or phenylalkenyl groups, or phenyl radicals which may be substituted as indicated above.

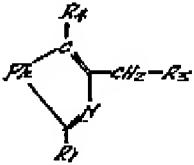
The amino groups are above all di-lower alkylamino groups, pyrrolidino, piperidino, piperazino or N-methylpiperazino, N-ethyl-piperazino or N-β-hydroxyethyl-piperazino groups, and primarily morpholino groups.

10 The radical R₄ is a lower alkyl group, such as methyl or ethyl or a propyl, butyl or pentyl radical.

15 The new compounds have valuable pharmacological properties, especially antitussive properties. In the pigeon, they can be shown to exhibit an elective inhibition of the elementary expiratory activity, and in the cat to inhibit the cough reflex. Compounds of the kind obtained by the process of this invention can therefore be used as antitussive agents. Moreover, they can serve as intermediate products for the manufacture of medicaments. Thus, the 1-halogen compounds can be used as starting materials for the manufacture of the 1-amino compounds, and the 20 compounds which in the benzene nucleus of the isoquinoline system contain a nitro or amino group can be used in the manufacture of differently substituted compounds, for example, by reduction of the nitro group or 25 exchange of the amino group.

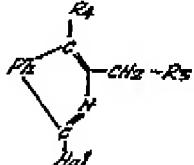
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Particularly valuable are compounds of the formula



35 where Ph represents a phenylene-(1,2) radical which may be substituted as indicated above, primarily a phenylene-(1,2) or a halogen-phenylene-(1,2) radical especially the 4-halo-phenylene-(1,2) radical corresponding to the 7-halogen-isoquinoline, R₁ represents a lower alkyl group, above all methyl, and R₂ and R₃ stand for amino groups, more especially tertiary amino groups substituted as indicated above and in the first place di-lower alkyl-amino groups, pyrrolidino, piperidino, piperazino or N-methylpiperazino, N-ethylpiperazino or N- β -hydroxyethyl-piperazino groups, and above all morpholino groups.

Also valuable as antitussive agents and intermediate products are the compounds of the formula



where R_1 and R_2 have the meanings given above and Hal stands for a halogen atom, and Ph stands for a phenylene-(1,2) radical which may be substituted, e.g. as indicated above, above all the phenylene-(1,2) or a halogen- or nitro-phenylene-(1,2) radical, especially the 3-nitro-phenylene-(1,2) radical which corresponds to the 5-nitro-isoquinoline. Special mention is deserved above all by the 4-methyl-1-morpholino-3-morpholino-methyl-7-chloro-isoquinoline and the 4-methyl-1-morpholino-3-(2-methyl-piperidino-methyl)-isoquinoline.

The new compounds are obtained when a 4- R_1 -isoquinoline which contains a halogen atom in position 1 and a halogenmethyl group in position 3 is reacted with ammonia or an amine carrying a hydrogen atom, and, if desired, a resulting 4- R_1 -3-aminomethyl-1-halogen-isoquinoline is again reacted with ammonia or an amine containing a hydrogen atom. Depending on the reaction conditions and the quantities of the reactants used, both halogen atoms are exchanged in one operation during the reaction with ammonia or the amine, or only the halogen atom at the methyl group in position 3 is exchanged, after which, if desired, the halogen atom in position 1 can be exchanged by further reaction with ammonia or amine, if desired under more energetic conditions. If ammonia or a primary amine is used, a di-[4- R_1 -1- R_1 -isoquinolyl - (3) - methyl] - amine may result depending on the amounts and reaction conditions used. As halogen atoms, chlorine atoms are preferred.

If the resulting compound contains nitro substituents in the benzene nucleus of the iso-quinoline system these can be reduced and/or amino groups replaced by halogen.

The present invention includes also any modification of the process in which an intermediate obtained at any stage thereof is used as starting material and any remaining step or steps is/are carried out, or in which a starting material is formed under the reaction conditions or is used in the form of one of its salts.

The afore-mentioned reactions are performed in the conventional manner in the presence or absence of diluents, condensing agents and/or catalysts, at room temperature or with cooling or heating, if desired under superatmospheric pressure. 105

Depending on the reaction conditions and starting materials used the new compounds are obtained in the free form or in the form of their salts. The salts of the new compounds can be transformed in the known manner into the free compounds, for example acid addition salts by reaction with a basic agent. On the other hand, a resulting free base can be converted with inorganic or organic acids into salts. For the manufacture of acid addition salts preferred use is made of thera-

peutically useful acids, for example a hydro-
halic acid such as hydrochloric or hydro-
bromic acid, perchloric, nitric or thiocyanic
acid, sulfuric or phosphoric acids; or organic
acids such as formic, acetic, propionic, gly-
colic, lactic, pyruvic, oxalic, malonic, succinic,
maleic, fumaric, malic, tartaric, citric, as-
corbic, hydroxymaleic, dihydroxymaleic, benz-
oic, phenylacetic, 4-aminobenzoic, 4-hydroxy-
benzoic, anthranilic, cinnamic, mandelic, sali-
cyclic, 4-aminosalicylic, 2-phenoxybenzoic, 2-
acetoxybenzoic, methanesulfonic, ethanesul-
fonic, hydroxyethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic,
paratoluenesulfonic, naphthalenesulfonic or
sulfanilic acid; methionine, tryptophan, lysine
or arginine. The salts may be monosalts or
polysalts.

These or other salts of the new compounds,
as e.g. the picrates, may also serve for the
purification of the resulting bases by converting
the bases into salts separating the salts
and liberating the bases from the salts. In
view of the close relation between free bases
and the bases in the form of salts thereof,
whenever a free base is referred to in this
context, a corresponding salts is also intended,
provided such is possible or applicable under
the circumstances.

The new isoquinolines and their physio-
logically tolerable salts are intended to be
used as medicaments in the form of pharma-
ceutical preparations containing the said com-
pounds in conjunction or admixture with
organic or inorganic, solid or liquid pharma-
ceutical excipients suitable for enteral (for
example oral) or parenteral administration.
Suitable excipients are substances that do not
react with the new compounds, for example
water, gelatine, lactose, starches, magnesium
stearate, talcum, vegetable oils, benzyl alco-
hols, gums, polyalkylene glycols, cholesterol
or other known medicinal excipients. The
pharmaceutical preparations may be, for
example, tablets, dragees or capsules, or in
liquid form solutions, suspensions or emul-
sions. They may be sterilized and/or may
contain assistants such as preserving, stabiliz-
ing, wetting or emulsifying agents, salts for
regulating the osmotic pressure, or buffers.
They may further contain other therapeu-
tically valuable substances.

The required doses of the new prepara-
tions naturally depend on the kind of disease
and the condition of the patient. A single
dose is, for example, 10—50 mg p.o. or
5—30 mg for parenteral administration. The
preparations contain, for example, 0.05—60%
of active constituents.

The starting materials are known or can be
prepared by known methods. Thus, for
example, 1 - halogen - 3 - halomethyl - iso-
quinolines that are substituted in position 4
in the manner indicated above may be ob-
tained by treating a suitable 4-substituted
4 - methyl - 1:3 - dioxo - 1:2:3:4 - tetra-

hydro-isoquinoline with a phosphorus halide,
for example phosphorus pentachloride, phos-
phorus trichloride or primarily with phos-
phorus oxychloride, advantageously in the
presence of a small amount of water, which
leads to halogenation and rearrangement to
the 1-halogen-3-halomethyl-isoquinolines.

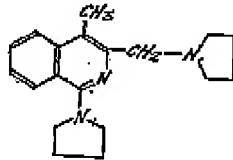
The 4 - substituted 4 - methyl - 1:3-
dioxo - 1:2:3:4 - tetrahydro - isoquinolines
preferably used as starting material are ob-
tained by a conventional 4-substitution of
suitable 4-unsubstituted or 4-monosubstituted
compounds. Thus, starting from homo-
phthalimide, treatment (for example with
sodium hydride as condensing agent and in
dimethylsulfoxide as solvent) with a methyl-
halide yields the 4:4-dimethyl compound.
Alternatively, the starting material—an α -sub-
stituted α - (ortho - cyanophenyl) - acero-
nitrile—may be subjected to hydrolytic cycli-
sation to yield 4-substituted 1:3-dioxo-
1:2:3:4 - tetrahydro - isoquinolines which
can be alkylated in the manner described
above, provided of course that one of the
two radicals in position 4 is a methyl radical.

Advantageously, those starting materials
and procedures are employed that lead to the
end products pointed out above as particularly
valuable.

The following Examples illustrate the inven-
tion.

EXAMPLE 1

A mixture of 9.0 g of 1 - chloro - 3-
chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline and
40 ml pyrrolidine is heated in a bomb-tube
at 150°C. for 8 hours. The resulting material
is taken to dryness under reduced pressure,
the residue treated with water and extracted
with methylene chloride. The solvent is re-
moved after drying over sodium sulfate and
the oil converted into the hydrochloride by
addition of ethanolic hydrochloric acid. The
thus-obtained hydrochloride of 4-methyl-1-
pyrrolidino - 3 - pyrrolidinomethyl - iso-
quinoline of the formula

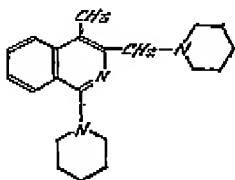


is crystallized from ethanol-ether and then
melts at 239°C.

EXAMPLE 2

A mixture of 9.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloro-
methyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline and 40
ml piperidine is heated in a bomb-tube at
150°C for 8 hours. The resulting material
is taken to dryness under reduced pressure
and the residue treated with water and ex-
tracted with methylene chloride. The extract
is dried and the solvent removed. The result-

ing oil is redissolved in chloroform and filtered through alumina. The crystalline product obtained is recrystallized from ethanol-water. The thus-obtained 4-methyl-1-piperidino-3-piperidinomethyl-isoquinoline of the formula

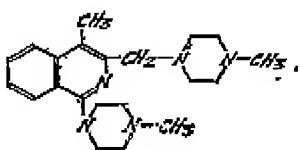


melts at 111°C.

EXAMPLE 3

10 A mixture of 8.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline and 50 ml N-methyl-piperazine is heated at 150°C for 8 hours. After being reduced to dryness under reduced pressure the residue is treated with water, extracted with methylene chloride, the extract dried and stripped of solvent. The resulting oil is redissolved in chloroform and filtered through alumina. The crystalline product obtained is recrystallized from acetone.

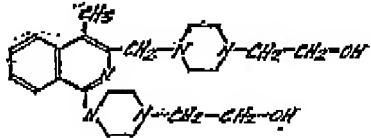
15 The thus-obtained 4-methyl-1-(N¹-methyl-piperazino)-3-(N¹-methyl-piperazino-methyl)-isoquinoline of the formula



20 melts at 110-111°C, its hydrochloride at 238°C.

EXAMPLE 4

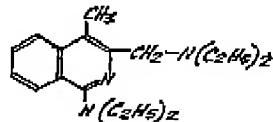
25 A mixture of 8.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline and 40 ml of N-(β-hydroxy-ethyl)-piperazine is heated in a bomb-tube at 150°C for 8 hours. The resulting material is taken to dryness, the residue is treated with water and extracted with methylene chloride. The extract is dried, stripped of solvent, the resulting oil redissolved in chloroform and filtered through alumina. The crystalline product obtained is recrystallized from acetone. The thus-obtained 4-methyl-1-[N¹-β-hydroxy-ethyl]-piperazino]-3-[N¹-(β-hydroxyethyl)-piperazino-methyl]-isoquinoline of the formula



melts at 112°C. Its hydrochloride melts at 263°C (dec.).

EXAMPLE 5

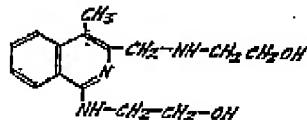
45 A mixture of 6.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline and 15 ml diethylamine is heated at 150°C for 8 hours. The resulting mass is evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue is treated with water. The semi-solid mass which separates is filtered off to give a low melting solid. The thus-obtained 1-diethylamino-3-diethylamino-methyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline of the formula



50 is converted into its dimaleate which after crystallization from methanol-ether melts at 109-111°C.

EXAMPLE 6

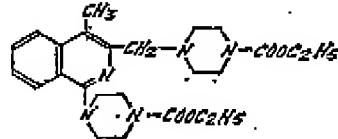
55 A mixture of 4.5 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline and 15 ml of ethanamine is heated in an oil-bath at 130°C for 3 hours and the dark syrupy liquid poured into 200 ml of cracked ice and water. The emulsion is extracted with chloroform, the extract washed with water, dried and stripped of solvent to give an oil. The thus-obtained 1-(β-hydroxy-ethylamino)-3-(β-hydroxy-ethylaminomethyl)-isoquinoline of the formula



60 is converted into its hydrochloride which after crystallization from ethanol-ether melts at 252-254°C.

EXAMPLE 7

65 A mixture of 5.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline and 20 ml of N-carbethoxy-piperazine is heated in an oil-bath at 140°C for six hours at the end of which time the syrupy liquid is poured into 200 g of cracked ice and water. The slurry is extracted with chloroform, the extract washed, dried and stripped of solvent. The residue on keeping in an ice-box crystallizes. The thus-obtained 1-(N¹-carbethoxy-piperazino)-3-(N¹-carbethoxy-piperazino-methyl)-4-methyl-isoquinoline of the formula



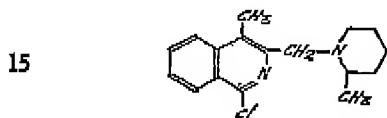
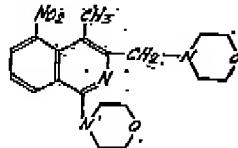
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melts after recrystallization from n-hexane at 90-92°C.

EXAMPLE 8

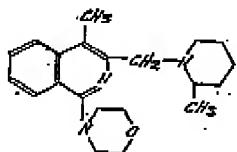
5 A mixture of 5.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloro-
methyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline and 20 ml
of 2-methyl-piperidine is heated under reflux
in an oil-bath at 140°C for six hours. The
excess of base is removed under reduced
10 pressure and the residue treated with cracked
ice and water. The solid which separates is
filtered, dried and crystallized from ethanol.
The thus-obtained 1-chloro-3-(2-methyl-
piperidino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline
of the formula



melts at 106-108°C.

EXAMPLE 9

20 A mixture of 6.0 g of 1-chloro-3-(2-methyl-
piperidino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - isoquin-
oline and 20 ml morpholine is heated in a
boron-tube at 170°C for 14 hours at the end
of which the semisolid gum is taken up in
chloroform and the solvent removed under
reduced pressure. Addition of 200 g of
25 cracked ice and water precipitates a solid
which is filtered, washed with water, dried
and then crystallized from ethanol. The thus-
obtained 1 - morpholino - 3 - (2 - methyl-
piperidino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline
30 of the formula



melts at 103-104°C.

EXAMPLE 10

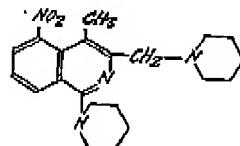
35 A mixture of 2.0 g 1-chloro-3-chloro-
methyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline
and 10 ml morpholine is heated at 120°C
for 2 hours under reflux. The excess of mor-
pholine is removed under reduced pressure
and the residual oil taken up in cracked ice
40 and water. The mixture is extracted with
chloroform, washed and dried, and the sol-
vent removed under reduced pressure. The
red oil crystallizes on scratching and cooling.
The thus-obtained 4 - methyl - 1 - mor-
pholino - 3 - morpholino - methyl - 5 - nitro-
45 isoquinoline of the formula

melts after recrystallization from ethanol at 145-146°C.

50 The starting material is obtained as follows:
To a stirred mixture of 15 ml concentrated
sulfuric acid and 15 ml fuming nitric acid
kept below 0° are added in the course of
30 minutes 6.0 g of 1 - chloro - 3 - chloro-
methyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline. Stirring
is continued for 1 1/2 hours longer and during
this period the temperature is kept below 5°C.
The solution is poured into cracked ice and
water. The resulting solid is filtered, washed
several times with water and the pale yellow
solid crystallized from ethanol. The thus-
obtained 1 - chloro - 3 - chloromethyl - 4 -
methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline melts at
55 104-105°C.

EXAMPLE 11

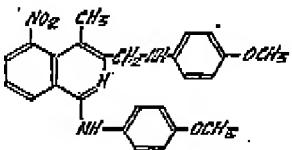
60 A mixture of 2.5 g of 1-chloro-3-chloro-
methyl 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline
and 10 ml piperidine is heated under reflux
at 80°C for 2 1/2 hours at the end of which
period the excess of piperidine is removed
under reduced pressure and the red gum
washed with water. Trituration with ethanol
gives a solid which is filtered and dried to
give orange yellow crystals, being 4-methyl-
5 - nitro - 1 - piperidino - 3 - piperidino-
70 methyl-isoquinoline of the formula



which after recrystallization from ethanol
melts at 104-106°C.

EXAMPLE 12

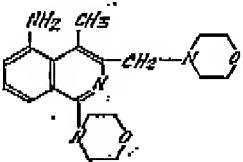
80 A mixture of 2.5 g of 1-chloro-3-chloro-
methyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline
and 4.55 g of *p*-anisidine in 80 ml of 95%
ethanol is heated under reflux for 4 hours,
cooled and concentrated to one forth its
volume. Red crystals separate. Further con-
centration yields more red solid. The com-
bined product is dissolved in chloroform and
filtered through a column of alumina. The
red eluate on evaporation gives a crystalline
mass. The thus-obtained 1 - *p* - anisidino-
90 3 - *p* - anisidinomethyl - 4 - methyl - 5 -
nitro-isoquinoline of the formula



is recrystallized from ethylacetate-hexane and melts at 183—185°C.

EXAMPLE 13

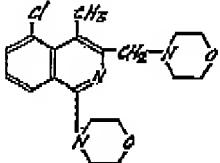
5 A solution of 4.0 g of 1-morpholino-3-morpholinomethyl-4-methyl-5-nitroisoquinoline in 150 ml of 95% ethanol is hydrogenated in the presence of 0.3 g 10% palladium on carbon. The reduction is complete in 1 hour and 30 minutes. The catalyst is filtered off and the solvent removed under reduced pressure. The residue is crystallized from ethanol. The thus obtained 5-amino-4-methyl-1-morpholino-3-morpholinomethyl-isoquinoline of the formula



melts at 134—135°C.

EXAMPLE 14

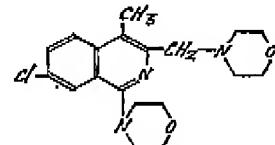
20 To a solution of 8.0 g of 5-amino-4-methyl-1-morpholino-3-morpholinomethyl-isoquinoline in a mixture of 6 ml of concentrated hydrochloric acid and 6 ml of water cooled to 0°C is added with stirring a solution of 1.6 g sodium nitrite in 5 ml water. The temperature is maintained 0—5°C during diazotization. The cold diazonium solution is poured into a cold solution of cuprous chloride prepared from 8.0 g of copper sulfate. The mixture is allowed to warm up and then heated at 60°C on a water bath. The solid is filtered, taken up in 25 ml water, basified and extracted with chloroform. The extract is washed, dried and stripped of solvent. On trituration with alcohol a pale green solid is obtained. The resulting 5-chloro-4-methyl-1-morpholino-3-morpholinomethyl-isoquinoline of the formula



40 is crystallized from ethanol and then melts at 104°C.

EXAMPLE 15

A mixture of 4.0 g of 1,7-dichloro-3-chloromethyl-4-methyl-isoquinoline and 50 ml morpholine is heated under reflux for 4 hours. The residue obtained after removing the excess of morpholine is treated with aqueous sodium carbonate solution until alkaline and extracted with chloroform. The solvent is removed. The residue, representing the 7-chloro-4-methyl-1-morpholino-3-morpholinomethyl-isoquinoline of the formula



is converted into a maleate by addition of maleic acid in ether. The crystalline maleate is reconverted to the base which after crystallization from ethanol melts at 120°C.

The starting material is obtained as follows:

To a stirred mixture of 3.0 ml of fuming nitric acid and 30 ml concentrated sulfuric acid kept at —10°C is added in small lots 15.0 g of 4,4-dimethyl-homophthalimide keeping the temperature below 5°C. After addition is complete the mixture is stirred below 20° for one hour and the clear yellow solution poured into cracked ice and water. The product is filtered and washed with water and dried to give a white crystalline solid. Recrystallized from ethanol, the 4,4-dimethyl-7-nitrohomophthalimide melts at 209—211°C.

A finely powdered suspension of 23.4 g of 4,4-dimethyl-7-nitro-homophthalimide in 200 ml methanol is hydrogenated in the presence of 0.5 g 10% palladium-carbon at an initial pressure of 50 lbs/sq. in and 50°. The theoretical amount of hydrogen is absorbed in 1 1/2 hours. The catalyst is filtered off and the clear solution evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure. The residue is crystallized from methanol. The thus obtained 4,4-dimethyl-7-amino-homophthalimide melts at 176—179°C.

20 g of 7-amino-4,4-dimethyl-homophthalimide are suspended in 90 ml water. 26 g of concentrated sulfuric acid are added gradually with stirring to dissolve the amine. The solution is cooled to 0°C and a solution of 8.4 g of sodium nitrite in 24 ml of water added at such a rate that the temperature is kept below 5°C. To a cold cuprous chloride solution maintained at 10°C prepared from 33.4 g of copper sulfate is added the diazonium solution drop by drop with stirring. The mixture is allowed to warm up to room temperature after the addition is complete and then heated at 60°C for 30 minutes. Dilution with water and extraction with chloroform

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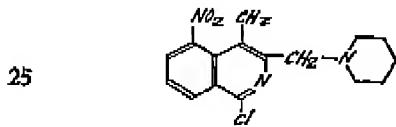
gives a crystalline material. Recrystallized from dilute ethanol the 4,4 - dimethyl - 7 - chloro - homophthalimide melts at 200°C.

5 A mixture of 10.0 g of 4,4 - dimethyl - 7 - chloro - homophthalimide and 40 ml phosphorus oxychloride and 0.5 ml water is heated in a sealed tube at 200°C for 5 hours. The excess of phosphorus oxychloride is removed under reduced pressure, the residue dissolved in 30 ml chloroform and passed through a column of neutral alumina. Elution with chloroform gives 1,7 - dichloro - 3 - chloromethyl - isoquinoline which after recrystallization from chloroform - hexane melts at 135°C.

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15 **EXAMPLE 16**
A mixture of 5.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline and 8 ml piperidine in 75 ml ethanol is heated under reflux for 1 hour. The crystals which separate on cooling are filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol. The thus-obtained 1 - chloro - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - 3 - piperidinomethyl - isoquinoline of the formula

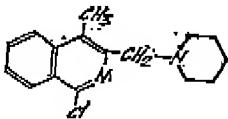
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melts at 67 - 69°C.

30 **EXAMPLE 17**
A mixture of 4.5 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline and 15 ml piperidine is heated in an oil bath at 80°C for 2 hours under reflux, cooled and 100 g of cracked ice and water added. The resulting solid is filtered, washed with water and dried. Recrystallization from ethanol - water yields the 1-chloro - 4 - methyl - 3 - piperidinomethyl - isoquinoline of the formula

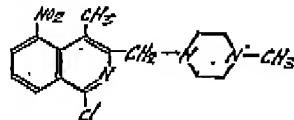
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m.p. 79 - 80°C.

40 **EXAMPLE 18**
A mixture of 3.5 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline and 2.58 g of N - methyl - piperazine in 100 ml ethanol is heated under reflux for 3 hours and the volume reduced to one half.

45 The crystals which separate are filtered, washed with water and recrystallized from ethanol. The thus-obtained 1-chloro-3-(N¹-methyl - piperazino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline of the formula



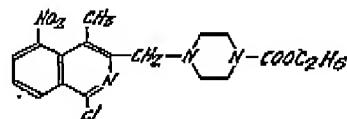
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melts at 173 - 175°C.

EXAMPLE 19

A mixture of 4.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline and 10 ml of N - carboxy - piperazine in 75 ml ethanol is heated under reflux for 1 hour and the resultant clear solution cooled. The product which separates is filtered, dried and recrystallized from ethanol. The thus-obtained 1 - chloro - 3 - (N¹ - carboxy - piperazino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline of the formula

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melts at 127 - 128°C.

EXAMPLE 20

A solution-emulsion of 4.5 g diethanolamine in dioxane is added with swirling to a solution of 2.71 g 1 - chloro - 3 - chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline in 50 ml of dioxane. The mixture is heated under reflux for 3 hours and cooled. Removal of dioxane in vacuo yields a residue which is triturated with 10% sodium carbonate solution and left at room temperature for about an hour when it solidifies. It is filtered, washed thoroughly with water and air-dried. The thus-obtained 1 - chloro - 3 - [di(β - hydroxy - ethyl) - amino - methyl] - 4 - methyl - 5 - nitro - isoquinoline of the formula

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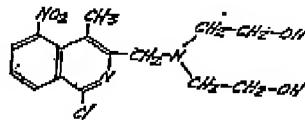
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is recrystallized from ethylacetate-hexane and then melts at 110 - 112°C.

EXAMPLE 21

Pharmaceutical preparations can be formulated as follows:

The 7 - chloro - 1 - morpholino - 3 - (morpholino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline can be made up, e.g. into pharmaceutical preparations of the following composition:

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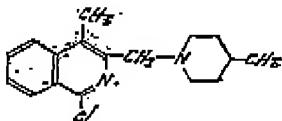
(a) Tablets	
7	chloro - 1 - morpholino - 3 - (morpholino - methyl) - 4 - methyl-isoquinoline maleate
5	lactose
	wheat starch
	gelatine
	arrowroot
10	talcum
	magnesium stearate
	90.0 mg
(b) Ampoules	
7	chloro - 1 - morpholino - 3 - (morpholino - methyl) - 4 - methyl-isoquinoline maleate
15	mannite
	distilled water to make up
	10.0 mg
	90.0 mg
	2 ml

The ampoules are sterilized for 20 minutes at 120°C.

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EXAMPLE 22

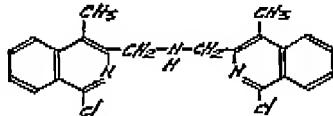
A mixture of 5.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline and 5.5 ml of 4-methylpiperidine is heated at 80°C for 2 hours at the end of which period the resulting oil is cooled and diluted with cracked ice and water. The solid which separates is filtered, washed with water, dried and crystallized from aqueous ethanol. The thus-obtained 1 - chloro - 3 - (4 - methyl - piperidino - methyl) - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline of the formula



melts at 83-85°C.

EXAMPLE 23

35 A mixture of 5.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline, 80 ml of concentrated ammonium hydroxide (28%) and 1.0 g hydrated copper sulfate is heated at 140°C in a sealed tube for 30 hours. The volatile material is evaporated off and the dark residue washed with water, extracted with chloroform and the extract washed, dried and stripped of solvent. The residual solid is crystallized from dimethyl formamide-water to give pale tan crystals. The thus-obtained di - [1 - chloro - 4 - methyl - isoquinolyl - (3) - methyl] - amine of the formula



50 melts at 131-132°C.

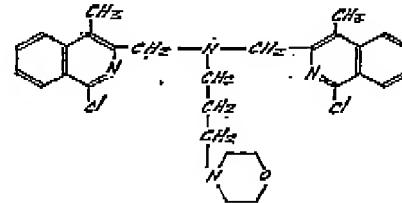
EXAMPLE 24

A mixture of 5.0 g of 1-chloro-3-chloromethyl - 4 - methyl - isoquinoline and 6.5 g of N - (γ - amino - propyl) - morpholine is heated at 100°C for 2 1/2 hours, cooled and the resulting thick oil triturated with cracked ice and water. The white gummy solid is extracted out with chloroform, extract washed, dried and stripped of solvent. The residue is taken in 20 ml ethanol, water added to turbidity and cooled. The crystalline product is collected by filtration and dried. The thus-obtained N,N - di - [1 - chloro - 4 - methyl - isoquinolyl - (3) - methyl] - N - γ - morpholino-propyl-amine of the formula

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melts at 110-112°C.

Our copending application (Serial 1,021,525) No. 7204/64 describes and claims 4 - methyl - 1 - morpholino - 3 - morpholino-methyl-isoquinoline.

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WHAT WE CLAIM IS:—

1. A 4 - R₄ - 1 - R₁ - 3 - R₃ - isoquinoline, in which R₁ represents a halogen atom or an amino group, R₃ represents an amino-methyl group and R₄ represents a lower alkyl group and in which the carbocyclic portion of the isoquinoline nucleus may be substituted by halogen, lower alkoxy, lower alkyl, trifluoromethyl, nitro and/or amino.

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2. A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which the amino group represented by R₁ is a di-lower alkylamino group or a pyrrolidine, piperidino, piperazine, N-methyl-piperazine, N-ethyl-piperazine or N-β-hydroxy-ethyl-piperazine group.

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3. A compound as claimed in claim 1, in which the amino group represented by R₁ is a morpholino group.

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4. A compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, in which R₃ represents a methyl group.

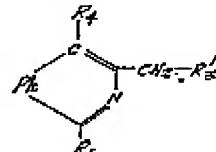
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5. A salt of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4.

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6. A physiologically tolerable acid addition salt of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4.

7. A compound of the formula



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junction with a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

30. A pharmaceutical preparation which comprises a compound as claimed in claim 18 or a physiologically tolerable acid addition salt thereof, in admixture or conjunction with a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

5 31. A pharmaceutical preparation which comprises a compound as claimed in claim 20 or a physiologically tolerable acid addition salt thereof, in admixture or conjunction with a pharmaceutically suitable carrier.

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32. A pharmaceutical preparation having one of the compositions substantially as described in Example 21 herein.

33. A process for the manufacture of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 21, conducted substantially as described herein.

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